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1. The following indicate the scale of pay in East Germany in 1954:

Assembly worker	250 marks per month
Border policeman	320 "
Unskilled worker	420 "
Hand worker	500 "
Foreman	490 to 700 marks per month
School teacher	640 marks per month
Station superintendent	640 "
Party secretary	900 "
Engineer	1100 to 1200 marks per month

These wages were sometimes higher, when the norms were exceeded.

2. The bonus payments for 1954 in the railroad workshops were as follows:

Workers	2% of their annual wages
Foremen	4% of their annual wages
Engineers	6% of their annual wages
Directors	8% of their annual wages

3. Prices for consumer goods and foodstuffs were approximately as follows:

Man's suit	120 to 250 marks
Overcoat	150 to 300 marks
Work shoes	20 marks
Dress shoes	80 to 120 marks
Bicicle	250 to 275 marks
Cigarettes	8 to 30 pfennigs ¹
Radios	81 to 1500 marks
Television	1200 marks

1. Comment: Probably per piece.

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